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SUBJECT: KHARTOUM ASSESSES DAMAGE AS MEASURES
INTENSIFIED TO ROUND UP REMAINING REBELS.

1. WITH MAJOR FIGHTING NOW OVER, GOS HAS
PROCLAIMED STATE OF EMERGENCY IN KHARTOUM AREA AS OF
JULY 4. DUSK TO DAWN CURFEW AGAIN IN EFFECT LAST
NIGHT AND EXPECTED TO BE CONTINUED TONIGHT AS SECURITY
FORCES MOVE TO ROUND UP REMAINING REBEL REMNANTS. ROAD
BLOCKS BEING MAINTAINED AT BRIDGES AND OTHER MAJOR
ACCESS POINTS TO CITY. HOUSE OF LATE IMAM HADI AL-MAHDI
RELIABLY REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SEARCHED YESTERDAY BY
SECURITY AUTHORITIES.

2. EXTENT DESTRUCTION SO FAR IMPOSSIBLE ASSESS BUT
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DAMAGE PROBABLY HEAVIEST AT SHAGARA ARMORED CAMP, GHQ

KHARTOUM, MAJOR MILITARY CAMP ON SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS OMDURMAN, AND OMDURMAN RADIO. NUMBER BURNED-OUT VEHICLES REMAIN NEAR GHQ. SOME OVERHEAD LINES DOWN AND WATER MAINS LEAKING. NUMBER BUILDINGS IN DOWNTOWN KHARTOUM, INCLUDING CHANCERY, HAD WINDOWS BROKEN AND OTHER MINOR DAMAGE FROM COUNTER-SNIPER FIRE JULY 3 RPT 3. SEVERAL PRIVATE HOUSES DESTROYED IN NEIGHBORHOOD SOUTHERN OMDURMAN MILITARY FACILITIES.

3. REBELS EVIDENTLY ENDEAVORED SURPRISE NUMBER KEY MILITARY AND SECURITY OFFICIALS IN THEIR HOMES EARLY JULY 2. BROTHER OF MAJOR GENERAL MOHAMMED OSMAN HASHIM, DEPUTY COS FOR OPERATIONS, WAS KILLED AT HIS HOME IN OMDURMAN WHEN PROBABLY MISTAKEN FOR THE MAJOR GENERAL. NUMBER SECURITY OFFICERS IN OMDURMAN ALSO KILLED IN THEIR HOMES.

4. GOOD SOURCE REPORTS SUDANESE COMMUNIST PARTY (SCP) DISTRIBUTED TRACT TO ITS MEMBERS DURING COUP ATTEMPT CALLING ON THEM TO STAND BY BUT BE PREPARED TAKE ADVANTAGE SITUATION AS IT MIGHT DEVELOP. LOYAL TROOPS STOPPED BRITISH EMBOFF ON STREET JULY 3 BUT THEIR ONLY QUESTION WAS "ARE YOU RUSSIAN".

5. SEVERAL SAUDI C-130 AIRCRAFT WERE SEEN AT KHARTOUM AIRPORT JULY 4. SINCE WE BELIEVE SUDANESE BRIGADE RETURNED FROM EGYPT VIA EGYPTIAN AIRCRAFT, WE ASSUME SAUDIS WERE AIRLIFTING EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING AMMO, FOR SUDANESE MILITARY.

6. SPECIAL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS EXPECTED REMAIN IN EFFECT AT LEAST UNTIL NIMEIRI RETURNS FROM JAURITIUS, WHICH WE SURMISE WILL BE LATE JULY 6 OR JULY 7. HOWEVER, OMDURMAN RADIO HAS JUST ANNOUNCED KHARTOUM UNIVERSITY IS TO RESUME CLASSES JULY 6 AFTER THREE-DAY SUSPENSION. BREWER

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